SHERVANI): (a) As per the reports available so far, with the Government, 649 women are affected with AIDS out of which 39 women have given birth to children.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

FERA Violations by private satellite channels

2944. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instances of FERA and other such violations by private satellite channels operating from the country have been brought to the notice of Government, during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action has so far been taken in these cases; and

(d) how payment by these channels is made to the satellite owners?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Investigation made by the Enforcement Directorate have revealed suspected violation of the provision of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act by three such companies.

(c) Some persons connected with one of the said companies were arrested. Adjudication proceedings have also been initiated against the said company and its chairperson and managing director. Investigations are still in progress in respect of the other two companies.

(d) Payments to the satellite owners, appear to have been made through unauthorised channels without the permission of the Reserve Bank of India.

Construction of Hotels, Motels and Yatri Niwas in the country

2945. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme with regard to construction of more hotels, motels, and Yatri Niwas in the country particularly in the State of Punjab during the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details with locations thereof; and

(c) the total fund likely to be proposed by the Central Government to the State of Punjab in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) The Department of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance to State/Union Territory Governments for various schemes based on the specific proposals received. There is no scheme for providing financial assistance for construction of hotels and motels. Financial assistance is provided to the State/Union Territory Governments under specific guidelines for the construction of Yatri Niwases Tourists Bungalows, Tourist Complexes, Wayside Amenities, etc. The State Government of Punjab has not submitted any proposal for financial assistance for the construction of Yatri Niwases during 1996-97. However, in consultation with the State Government, the expansion of existing tourist complexes at Ropar and Jullundur have been prioritised for providing financial assistant during 1996-97.

Criteria for posting and transfer of Staff in CGHS

2946. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the offices and departments in Delhi where CGHS is functioning as an allied service;

(b) the policy and criteria for posting of staff and officers at such places;

(c) the policy and criteria for transfer of such staff and officers;

(d) whether Government are aware that posting at one place for a long period results into nexus and malpractices; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to avoid long stay of officers and staff at one place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY